

October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**5 Day Study Trip to Strasbourg for pupils of Languages currently in Year 8**

From Wednesday 15th to Sunday 19th October 2025, we are running a 5-day trip to France and Germany so that pupils may have the opportunity to explore the Alsace region and practise their modern language skills.

The proposed itinerary for the trip is as follows, although changes may occur:

- Day 1 Depart from Rayleigh station by coach at 4.30 am - Eurotunnel to France; evening meal in our hotel; exploration of the village.
- Day 2 Day out in Strasbourg, France - treasure hunt in the city to practise language skills; visit to the cathedral; shopping and late afternoon boat trip; evening meal in a local creperie.
- Day 3 Day trip to the Black Forest in Germany - morning in Titisee before afternoon cable car ride at Schauinslandbahn; chance to have Black Forest Gateau at the top of the mountain; evening meal in hotel.
- Day 4 Morning in Colmar, France and afternoon in Freiburg, Germany. Evening meal in hotel.
- Day 5 Departure at 9.00 am and return to Rayleigh Station at approximately 21.30.

I anticipate the cost of the trip to be between £750 and £800 (dependant on final numbers). This will include:-

- Coach travel to and from the Alsace region of France
- 3 days of excursions
- 4 nights in the Hotel des Vosges, Klingenthal (3\*) in a triple room with breakfast and evening meals included
- All visits and attractions
- Staff to accompany pupils
- Travel and medical insurance
- £20 damage deposit which will be returned to pupils on the last day in Euros to buy lunch on the way home (provided there is no damage to the room)

Pupils will need a full, valid passport for the trip, a GHIC card, a visa and money for lunches and souvenirs.

If you wish your son/daughter to participate in the trip, please return the attached Consent Form to Pupil Services by 4<sup>th</sup> November with a £150 non-refundable deposit payable on Scopay. If there are any financial difficulties, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Dines, in the strictest confidence.

**Scopay is now the preferred method of payment for all trips, visits and school activities. If you visit <https://www.scopay.com/login> you will see payment details. If you have mislaid your Scopay login details, please call Pupil Services. Should you still wish to pay by cash or cheque, please hand into Pupil Services (cheques should be made payable to *Rayleigh Schools Trust*). If you have any Scopay queries regarding this payment item, please contact Mrs A Twomey ([atwomey@sweynepark.com](mailto:atwomey@sweynepark.com)). Consent forms to be handed into Pupil Services by 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 once the non-refundable deposit payment has been made on Scopay.**

Should the trip be oversubscribed, we will take into account each students' effort grades. Where effort grades are the same, a random ballot will be used. If we are unable to offer your son/daughter a place, their name will be added to a reserve list.

If you have any queries concerning the trip please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely,

G Wadie (German Department)

H Castle (French Department)